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DEUKMEJIAN'S RELATION TO COASTAL COMMISSION AMONG ISSUES  
EXPLORED IN CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW PUBLICATION

The relationship between Governor Deukmejian and the Coastal Commission and the actions of several State regulatory agencies are among the issues explored in the current issue of The California Regulatory Law Reporter, published by the Center for Public Interest Law, University of San Diego School of Law.

In a feature entitled "The new governor tries to gut the Coastal Commission--Is it legal?," author Mark Swanson claims that Governor Deukmejian is attempting to impose his own coastal policy on the State Legislature, even though his policy conflicts with the legislature's intent as set out in the State Coastal Act. Faced with an unfriendly Democratic State Legislature, Swanson writes, "the new Republican Governor has proposed to replace the Commission's energy and support staff with his own staff in the executive office of Planning and Research." Additionally, the Governor is attempting to use the budget process, says Swanson, to remove from the Commission certain powers lawfully delegated to it by the Legislature.

The Office of Administrative Law, several boards, and the Tax Preparer's Program come in for criticism elsewhere in the publication. In a guest editorial by Steven Kotz, staff counsel for the California Energy Commission, the OAL is described as a "runaway" rulemaking agency. The Board of Osteopathic Examiners is under scrutiny for its refusal to seat the two new public members required by State legislation, and a companion article, "Osteopaths, Chiropractors, and Boxing Promoters," is critical

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of those three groups, which "have managed to secure by proposition a place in the State Constitution, thereby declaring themselves immune from State statutes, from having to seat public members, and from having to obey the Administrative Procedure Act."

The predicament of tax preparers is outlined in "Tax Preparer's Program--A Zoo," which traces the delays in starting up this regulatory program. The delays, according to the Reporter, led to the Department of Consumer Affairs' collection of from \$60,000 to \$100,000 worth of checks from tax preparers--checks it has no authority to cash and which could cost \$5,000 to return.

According to Robert C. Fellmeth, editor in chief of the Reporter, the publication is the only one in the country "striving to make the regulatory functions of state government more efficient and more visible by publishing the efforts to state regulatory agency monitors." The Reporter summarizes the actions of 60 California agencies, summarizes advocacy activities of public interest groups such as Citizens' Action League, and discusses regulatory law litigation. Feature articles and commentary are also included.

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